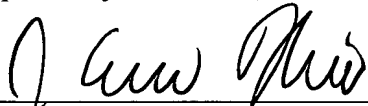


REMARKS

The subject case is a PCT application entering the US National Phase under 35 U.S.C. § 371 and Article 39(1)(a) of the Patent Cooperation Treaty. The above amendments are being made to reference the priority documents and correct informalities in the PCT application.

Applicants respectfully contend that the application is allowable and a favorable response from the Examiner is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

By   
J. Eric Thies  
Reg. No. 35,382  
Attorney for Applicant

MERCK & CO., Inc.  
P.O. Box 2000  
Rahway, New Jersey 07065-0907  
(732) 594-3904

Date: March 21, 2006